colleges, institutions of higher education in each year during the last three years; and

(b) the specific steps taken to improve their greater participation in educational and economic activities and employment opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No such information based on religion or community is being collected by the Government in the educational surveys.

(b)The Government of India is implementing several Centrally Sponsored Schemes for greater participation of minority communities in the national educational and economic activities. The area intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme of this Ministry for introducing modern subject in the Madarsa, the Scheme of coaching classes for socially and educationally backward students including students from minority communities being implemented by the University Grants Commission and the assistance being given to the Maulana Azad Educational Foundation by the Ministry of Minority Affairs are some of them. Further in November 2004 the Government of India established the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions for ensuring that the various protections given by the Constitution to the minority communities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice are strictly enforced.

Irregularities in Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University

†2465. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities are being committed on a large scale in the Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha and damaged its reputation:

(b) whether it is also a fact that a special committee on gender sensitization has not been constituted there inspite of directions of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Supreme Court and the Human Rights Commission in the absence of which a specific group of students is being willfully harassed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that appointments are being done arbitrarily on reserved backlog posts there; and

(d) the details of the information Ministry has in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Allegations of irregularities have been received in the Ministry and the Government, with the approval of the visitor, appointed a Fact Finding Committee to review the work and progress of the University since its inception.

(b) The University has informed that a Women Cell was constituted by the University in 2004 which is also looking into the issues relating to harassment of women. While a specific complaint by a lady student relating to sexual harassment was received recently, the University has taken action to rusticate the concerned student.

(c) and (d) The academic and administrative ordinances and the recruitment rules of the University have since been framed and advertisements has been issued in the national newspapers, indicating clearly the reserved vacancies for appointment to the teaching posts.

Schools without teachers

2466. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration found that there are a large number of schools without teachers and schools with only one teacher in rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, whether the report says that the number of schools without teachers are higher in rural areas;

(c) whether the report suggested rationalization of teachers across State to improve number of teachers in single teacher and no-teacher schools; and

(d) whether Government have considered the report and the steps taken to implement them?